

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

The City Administrator, pursuant to the authority under paragraph 7 of the General Expenses titles of An Act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 689, ch. 250; D.C. Official Code § 6-661.01(a)) and Mayor's Order 88-16, January 22, 1988, hereby gives notice of the adoption of the following emergency rulemaking.

This emergency rulemaking will add a new subtitle K, chapter 1 to Title 12 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations establishing the fees to be charged by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) for building permits, certificates of occupancy, and other permits required by the District of Columbia Construction Codes or the Director of DCRA.

This emergency rulemaking is necessitated by the immediate need to comply with District law requirements of a balanced budget. The delay by the Council of the District of Columbia to review and approve the Fiscal Year 2010 Balanced Budget Support Emergency Act of 2010 has created the potential of an unbalanced budget. This emergency rulemaking will contribute the revenue necessary to maintain the District's balanced budget. The revenue obtained will be used to maintain critical services to the District's citizens and thereby preserve their health, safety, and welfare.

This emergency rulemaking was adopted on May 25, 2010, to become effective June 1, 2010. This emergency rulemaking will remain in effect for up to one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of effectiveness, unless earlier superseded by a notice of final rulemaking.

The City Administrator also hereby gives notice of the intent to adopt this rule, in final, in not less than thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

Title 12 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended by adding a new Subtitle K, Chapter 1 to read as follows:

SUBTITLE K**CHAPTER 1 DCRA PERMITS DIVISION SCHEDULE OF FEES**

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100 GENERAL PROVISIONS

100.1 This chapter establishes the fees for building permits, certificates of occupancy, and other permits required by the District of Columbia Construction Codes or code official.

- 100.2 Starting on June 1, 2010, the Director shall charge an additional fee of ten percent (10%) on the total cost of each permit issued, or document furnished, pursuant to this chapter to cover the costs of enhanced technological capabilities of the Permits Division. The additional fee required by this subsection shall expire on October 1, 2013.

101 BUILDING PERMIT FEES

- 101.1 The Director shall charge the following fees, pursuant to the Construction Codes Approval and Amendments Act of 1986, effective March 21, 1987 (D.C. Law 6-126; D.C. Official Code § 6-1405.01):

- (a) Building structures and equipment:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>
New construction and alterations	Filing deposit	50% of the assessed permit fee based on the estimated cost of construction not to exceed \$20,000.
New construction and additions	Permit fee	\$0.03 per cubic foot of construction
	Green Building Fee - New construction	\$0.002 per square foot of construction
Alteration and repair	Permit Fee: construction valued less than \$500	\$33
	Permit Fee: construction valued between \$501-\$1,000	\$65
	Permit Fee: construction valued between \$1,001-\$1 million	\$30 + 2% of construction value \$1001-\$1 million
	Permit Fee: construction valued over \$1 million	\$10,030 + 1% of total construction cost
	Green Building Fee: construction valued between \$1,001-\$1 million	0.13% of construction value
	Green Building Fee: construction valued over \$1 million	\$1,300 + 0.0065% of construction value over \$1 million
Asbestos removal		Same as alteration/repair
Awning		\$65 each
Capacity placard review		\$20/hour
Contamination testing		\$33
Demolition		\$30 + 2% of construction cost

Excavation only	Less than 50,000 cubic feet	\$130
	50,000 cubic feet or more	\$650
Fire retardant painting	Less than 200 square feet	\$26
	200 square feet or more	\$46
Fence on private property (installation or repair)		\$33
Foundation only	Less than 50,000 cubic feet	\$130
	50,000 cubic feet or more	\$650
Garage (new) or shed (new)		\$65
Grandstand	100 or fewer seats	\$33
	101-500 seats	\$65
	501-1,000 seats	\$100
	Each additional 1,000 seats	\$33
Projection into public space	Residential	\$65 each
	Commercial	\$130 each
	Modification (variance)	\$130 each
Raze		\$0.02/cubic foot
Retaining wall, tank, tower		\$46/\$1000 of construction cost
Sheeting & shoring	Less than 50,000 cubic feet	\$130
	50,000 cubic feet or more	\$650
Sign	New up to 25 square feet	\$65
	New between 25-100 square feet	\$130
	More than 100 sq. ft.	\$130 + \$2 for each square foot over 100 square feet
	Billboard repair	\$33 each
	Special Sign artwork change	\$500 each
Swimming Pool	Up to 15,000 gallons	\$260
	More than 15,000 gallons	\$260 + \$33/1000 gallon
Test boring for gas/soil/water		\$7/bore
Miscellaneous (antenna, kiosk, pole, satellite dish, temporary barricade/fence/trailer/sidewalk shed/bridge, tent, tower crane)		\$33 each
Permit renewal or change of permit ownership		\$33 each
Postcard Permit		\$33 each

(b) Special permits and reviews:

<u>Description</u>		<u>Fee Amount</u>
Commission for Fine Arts review filing (first time, non-refundable)		\$33
Covenant	Processing	\$325
	Requiring Mayor's signature	\$130 additional
Preliminary Design Review Meeting	Single family	\$65
	Commercial: less than 10,000 sq. ft. (1 hour maximum)	\$130
	Commercial: between 10,000-100,000 sq. ft. (2 hour maximum)	\$390
	Commercial: 100,001 square feet and greater (3 hour maximum)	\$650
	Additional: per full or fraction of hour	\$150
Repeat Technical Review (rejected, revised, re-reviewed plans)	Single family	\$65
	Commercial: less than 10,000 square feet	\$130/discipline
	Commercial: between 10,000-100,000 square feet	\$390/discipline
	Commercial: 100,001 square feet and greater	\$650/discipline
Tenant layout		\$20/hour
Home Occupation	Non-refundable permit filing fee	\$33
	Permit issuance fee	\$33
Certificate of Occupancy	Copy	\$7 for regular copy; \$20 for certified copy/affidavit
	5,000 square feet or less	\$42 + \$33 filing fee
	5,001-50,000 square feet	\$42 + \$0.004/square foot + \$33 filing fee
	50,001-100,000 square feet	\$276 + \$0.003/square foot + \$33 filing fee
	100,001 sq. ft. or more	\$471 + \$0.0013/square foot. + \$33 filing fee
Certificate of Use	Enclosed sidewalk café	\$260 + \$0.03/cubic foot
	Unenclosed	\$260
	Certificate of use	\$260 per year

(c) Supplemental permits:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Annual inspection certification-BBPV	\$33 each
Boiler furnace change or rebuilding	\$52 each
Boiler – MB	\$46 each

Fired object (misc.)		\$46 each
Incinerator & trash chutes	0-100 lbs/hour or domestic incinerator	\$33 each
	101-300 lbs/hour	\$52
	301-500 lbs/hour	\$65
	Over 500 lbs/hour	\$100
H/W boiler	0-500 gals/hour	\$46 each
	Over 500 gals/hour	\$52 each
Incinerator alterations	0-300 lbs	\$33 each
	Over 300 lbs	\$52 each
Heating boiler	0-1200 MBH	\$33 each
	1201-6000 MBH	\$52 each
	Over 6000 MBH	\$65 each
	0-8,500 sq. ft.	\$52 each
	Over 8,500 sq. ft.	\$100 each
Miniature boiler	Up to 500 gallons/hour	\$46 each
	500 gallons/hour and over	\$52 each
Oil-fired furnace	0-100 MBH	\$26 each
	Over 100 MBH	\$33 each
Power boiler	Q-10 HP; or 1675-8369 MBH	\$52 each
	11-50 HP; or 8370-16,739 MBH	\$65 each
	51-150 HP	\$100 each
	Over 150 HP; over 33,479 MBH	\$195 each
	0-1674 MBH	\$33 each
	16,740-33,479 MBH	\$111 each
Trash chute: No incinerator installation or misc.		\$46 each
Unfired pressure vessel		\$33 each

(d) Additional supplemental permits:

Group 1. Outlet (receptacle, switch, or fixture) wiring only	
Outlets(receptacles, switches, fixtures)	\$20 for each 10, or fraction of 10
Group 2. Fixture & Lamp Holder	
Lights fixtures and lamp holders	\$8 for each 10, or fraction of 10
Group 3. Electrical Discharge Sign	
Up to 500 VA	\$26
Each additional whole or fraction of 500 VA	\$20
Group 4. Heating Equipment	
Baseboard or space heater	\$10/KW up to 10 KW; \$6 for each additional KW
Furnace or unit heater	\$36 for first one; \$16, each additional

Furnace controls wiring/replacement only	\$24 each
Group 5. Commercial Heating and Cooking	
Appliance, 1-8 kW range	\$26 for first one; \$16, each additional
Appliance, over 8 kW range	\$36 for first one; \$16, each additional
Group 6. Motors & Generators	
Less than ¼ HP range	\$20 for each 10 or fraction of 10
¼-1 HP range	\$33 for first motor; \$16 for each additional
1-5 HP range	\$46 for first motor; \$16 for each additional
Over 5-10 HP range	\$60 for first motor; \$20 for each additional
Over 10-20 HP range	\$72 for first motor; \$26 for each additional
Over 20-30 HP range	\$91 for first motor; \$39 for each additional
Over 30-50 HP range	\$117 for first motor; \$47 for each additional
Over 50-75 HP range	\$130 for first motor; \$52 for each additional
Over 75 HP range	\$143 for first motor; \$65 for each additional
Group 7. Service	
Service conductor - conductors and poles	\$26 for first service/pole; \$8 each additional service/pole
Service conductor - overhead/underground	\$20 each
Group 8. Service & Meter Equipment	
Up to 20 Amp range	\$39 for first; \$16 for each additional
201-400 Amp range	\$52 for first; \$24 for each additional
401-800 Amp range	\$78 for first; \$39 for each additional
Over 800 Amp range	\$124 for first; \$52 for each additional
Group 9. Transformers	
1-10 kVA range	\$33 for first; \$16 for each additional
11-75 kVA range	\$46 for first; \$20 for each additional
76-200 kVA range	\$55 for first; \$23 for

	each additional
Over 200 kVA range (vault)	\$117 for first; \$52 for each additional
Group 10. Theater or Other Places of Public Assembly Equipment	
Spotlight	\$33 for first arc; \$16 each additional
	\$26 for first portable/temporary arc; \$16 each additional
	\$20 for first portable/incandescent; \$8 each additional
Motion picture machine	\$65 for first permanent; \$33 for each additional
	\$39 for first portable; \$20 for each additional
Slide projector	\$36 for first; \$20 each additional
Amplifier or portable switchboard	\$33 for first; \$16 each additional
Switchboard or dimmer over 1kW	\$26 for first; \$16 each additional
Portable TV installation	\$26 for first receiver; \$13 each additional
Portable or temporary incandescent light (no spotlights)	\$26 for 1-25 lights; \$33 for 26-50 lights; \$39 for 51-100 lights
	\$13 for each additional 100 lights or fraction of 100
Group 11. Temporary Installations, Decorations, Lawn Fetes, etc	
1-25 lights	\$33 for the first 90 days; \$16 for each additional 90 days or more
26-50 lights	\$39 for the first 90 days; \$20 for each additional 90 days or more
51-100 lights	\$55 for the first 90 days; \$28 for each additional 90 days or more
Each additional 100 lights	\$20 for the first 90 days; \$8 for each additional 90 days or

	more
Use of current on wiring, apparatus, and fixtures, for use pending installation completion	\$55 for the first 90 days; \$28 for each additional 90 days
Circus/carnival	\$125 for up to 50 kW; \$125 for each additional 100 kW
Exhibition	\$60 for up to 3000 square feet; \$33 for each additional 1000 square feet
Group 12. Radio and Television	
Centralized receiver amplifier	\$33 for the first amplifier; \$25 for each additional
Centralized speaker station	\$20 for the first station; \$20 for each 10 or fraction of 10
Closed circuit television camera	\$26 for the first camera; \$20 for each additional
Receiving station (including antenna/ground connection device for receivers)	\$20 for the first station; \$15 for each additional
Transmitting station	\$65 for the first station; \$33 for each additional
Group 13. Miscellaneous (R=Residential)	
ARC vapor lamp	\$26 for the first; \$16 for each additional
Battery charger	\$33 for the first; \$16 for each additional
Crane, electric, for construction work	\$125
Central air conditioning system, up to 5 T (R)	\$65 for the first; \$26 each for 2-25 systems; and \$16 each for more than 25
Clothes dryer (R) or range (R)	\$20 for the first; \$7 for each additional
Conduits-empty	\$20 per floor
Electric furnace (R)	\$39 for the first; \$29 each for 2-25 systems; and \$16 each for more than 25
Electric sign-incandescent	\$8 for each 10 or fraction of 10
Fire alarm system devices	\$20 for each 10 or

		fraction of 10
Panel board replacement/feeder conductor replacement		\$20 for the first panel board/feeder; \$8 for each additional
Preventive maintenance		\$130 per switchboard
Rectifier or welder		\$39 for the first; \$16 for each additional
X-ray machine		\$33 for the first; \$16 for each additional
Postcard Permit: Electrical General		\$20 each
Postcard Permit: Electrical Heavy-Up		\$59 each
Fire alarm/smoke/heat detectors; or LV telephone/data/voice outlets; or LV security alarm devices/data/voice devices; or sprinkler flow/tamper switches		\$20 each 10 or fraction of 10
Minimum permit fee		\$20
Appliances installation each type		\$26 for the first; \$20 for each additional
Gas conversion burner installation		\$46 each
Postcard Permit		\$26 per fixture or appliance
Gas appliances include boilers, cookers, ranges, furnaces, heaters, ironers (commercial or residential), kettles, mangles, radiators, refrigerators, stills, water heaters, grills, fireplaces, dryers, ovens, broilers, and fryers.		
Refrigeration Air Conditioning	Class E - 0-120,000 BTU/h	\$46 each
	Class D - 120,000-600,000 BTU/h	\$78 each
	Class C - 600,001-1,200,000 BTU/h	\$195 each
	Class B - 1,200,001-2,400,000 BTU/h	\$260 each
	Class A - over 2,400,000 BTU/h	\$390 each
Postcard Permit (up to 10 Ton)		\$46 each
Line cap (includes sewer, water); line cut (includes gas, sewer, soil waste, vent, and water lines); line test (gas lines); or meter relocation (gas or water)		\$26 each
Plumbing fixture		\$26 for the first; \$20 for each additional
Postcard Permit		\$26 per fixture or appliance
Sprinkler system (alter, install, repair, & check valve)	NFPA 13 system, up to 50 heads	\$4 per head
	Each additional head over 50	\$2 per head
	NFPA 13R or 13D system, up to 20 heads	\$3 per head
Plumbing fixtures including backflow preventers, basins, bath tubs, bidets, dishwashers, down spouts, drains (area/floor/roof), drinking fountains, garbage disposals, grease interceptors, hose bibs, laundry tubs, sewage		

ejectors, showers, sinks, slop sinks, sump pumps, urinals, washer boxes, and water closets.

Boundary Surveys	
Field work	\$93
Drafting	\$25
Computing	\$38
Wall Examination	
Wall examination	\$182 + \$117/hour
Surveys: all types except wall exams (minimum of 2 hours charged)	\$255 + \$117/hour
Wall compilation	\$60 per building
Building Plats	
Up to 3 usual-shaped lots	\$50
More than 3 usual-shaped lots	\$50
Each additional lot	\$15
Unusual-shaped lots/large size tracts	\$30/hour
Optional expedited building plat	\$75
Optional electronic building plat	\$5
Certified copies of records	\$20
Optional Preliminary Review Meetings	
With Surveyor	\$50/hour
With Surveyor's office staff	\$30/hour
Computation Plat	
Research, computation, preparation, and recording of plat up to 3 usual-shaped sites	\$200
More than 3 usual-shaped sites	\$200
Each additional site	\$60
Correction of plat or plans	\$100
Registration of Land Surveyors	
Application	\$125
Examination	\$72
Retake of examination	\$40
Renewal of certification	\$75
Late renewal of certification	\$100
Reinstatement of certification	\$137
Street and Alley Closings or Revisions	
Closing application initial processing stage	\$2,500
Final processing stage	\$1,170
Application Revision	
Prior to completion of agency review application	\$130 each
After initial agency review	\$130
Dedication only of street and alley	\$72
Changing application basis after legislative package prepared	\$72 each
Changing application basis after recordation	\$101 each

Public Hearing and Recording	
Public hearing and recording	\$1,170 each
Change of Highway Plan	
Research, computation, and preparation	\$1,870
Public hearing and recording	\$1,170
Transfer of jurisdiction plat	\$420
Subdivision of Land Plats for:	
Up to 3 usual-shaped lots	\$400
More than 3 usual-shaped lots	\$400
Each additional lot	\$60
Irregular shaped sites (minimum fee for usual-shaped lot)	\$60/hour
Recordation	\$26
Redrawing plat of subdivision	\$65
Correcting/amending plat prior to recordation	\$24
Analysis of deed description	\$8
Preparing written metes and bounds description	\$65
Correcting/amending plat prior to recordation	\$24
Property Line Analysis Statement	
Issuance of written statement	\$104
Site visit (no written statement)	\$65
Establishment or Abandonment of Easements	
Miscellaneous plat	\$232
Field work	\$95/hour
Drafting	\$25/hour
Computing	\$38/hour
Recordation of Private Surveyors Plats	
Recording	\$100
Filing wall examination report	\$50
Condo Plats	
Initial recording of plats and plans	\$390
Plus	\$20 per recorded sheet
Recording amended plan and/pr plan	\$195
Plus	\$20 per amended sheet
Cancellation of private surveyor's recorded condo plat	\$100
Survey Copy Fees	
Prints from document or from microfilm normal service	\$4
Plat obtained from archival storage	\$39
Plus print	\$4
Unusually large prints	\$8
Fire Suppression Systems: Hoods and Ducts	

1-50 nozzles	\$6 each
Each nozzle thereafter	\$3 each
Minimum project review fee	\$33
Shop Drawing Review	
Shop drawing review fees	\$20/hour
Elevator	
Elevator repair fee	1% of construction cost
New elevator fee	\$85
Designation of a New Address	
New address	\$25 each
Modification and Variance Requests	
Modification and variance requests	\$175

All persons desiring to comment on these proposed regulations should submit comments in writing to Helder Gil, Legislative Affairs Specialist, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, 1100 Fourth Street, SW, Room 5164, Washington, D.C. 20024, or via e-mail at helder.gil@dc.gov, not later than thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. Copies of the emergency and proposed rules can be obtained from the address listed above. A copy fee of one dollar (\$1.00) will be charged for each copy of the emergency and proposed rulemaking requested. Free copies are available on the DCRA website at <http://dcra.dc.gov> by going to the “DCRA News” link and then clicking on the “Rulemaking” tab.